In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2 and 14, without prejudice.

Please substitute the following claims:

Claim 1 (amended):

1. A method for providing resistance to infection by a geminivirus plant virus in a plant or plant tissue, said method comprising transforming said plant or plant tissue with a polynucleotide that encodes a non-mutated Rep protein, or a fragment thereof, of said plant virus that is expressed in said transformed plant or plant tissue, wherein the phenotype of said transformed plant or plant tissue is substantially the same as a non-transformed plant or plant tissue.

Claim 9 (amended):

9. A transgenic plant or plant tissue having increased resistance to infection by a geminivirus plant virus, wherein said plant or plant tissue comprises a polynucleotide that encodes a non-mutated Rep protein, or a fragment thereof, of said plant virus that is expressed in said transgenic plant or plant tissue, wherein the phenotype of said transgenic plant or plant tissue is substantially the same as a non-transgenic plant or plant tissue.

Claim 15 (amended):

15. A cell transformed with a polynucleotide that encodes a non-mutated geminivirus Rep protein, or a fragment thereof.

Please add the following new claims 19-21:

1   19. The transgenic plant according to claim 9, wherein said transgenic plant is a

2 hybrid made by crossing a transgenic plant comprising a polynucleotide that encodes a non-

3 mutated geminivirus Rep protein, or a fragment thereof, with a plant that does not comprise a

4 polynucleotide that encodes a non-mutated geminivirus Rep protein, or a fragment thereof.

1   20. The transgenic plant according to claim 9, wherein said transgenic plant is a

2 hybrid made by crossing a first transgenic plant comprising a polynucleotide that encodes a

3 non-mutated geminivirus Rep protein, or a fragment thereof, with a second transgenic plant

4 comprising a polynucleotide that encodes a non-mutated geminivirus Rep protein, or a

5 fragment thereof.

1   21. The transgenic plant according to claim 20, wherein said second transgenic plant

2 is derived from a transformation event distinct from the transformation event from which

3 said first transgenic plant is derived.